

### **State of Arizona**

# Acupuncture Board of Examiners

July 2008 Newsletter

Mission Statement: The mission of the Arizona Acupuncture Board of Examiners is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Arizona by regulating and maintaining standards of practice in the field of acupuncture.

#### Acupuncture Board of Examiners

Della Estrada, L.Ac.	Joe Balensi, L.Ac.
Chairman	Secretary
Term Expiration: 1/18/10	Term Expiration: 1/21/08
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Professional Member	Professional Member
Term Expiration: 1/17/11	Term Expiration: 1/18/10
Rebecca Wilks, MD, MD(H)	Vacancy
Professional Member	Professional Member
Term Expiration: 1/19/09	Term Expiration:
Ross Adelman	Toni Karnas
Consumer Member	Consumer Member
Term Expiration: 1/18/08	Term Expiration: 1/18/10
Diane Pruetz	
Consumer Member	
Term Expiration: 1/21/08	

#### **Board Staff:**

Pete Gonzalez Executive Director

#### **Board Meetings for 2008**

January 23, 2008 February 27, 2008 March 26, 2008 April 23, 2008 May 28, 2008 June 25, 2008 July 23, 2008 August 27, 2008 September 24, 2008 October 22, 2008 November 25, 2008 December 15, 2008

#### Getting a hold of us at the Board office:

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# Did you change your office or home address or get a new telephone number?

Please remember that AAC R4-8-103 requires that every person holding a license or certificate shall, within 30 days, notify the Board <u>in writing</u> of any change in mailing address (giving both the old and the new address), email address, or residential, business, or mobile telephone numbers.

The required form is found on the Board's web site under the "Forms" section.

#### Welcome Aboard New Acupuncture Licensees

January 2008

Julia A. Eastman, L.Ac.	David C. Chang, L.Ac.
Sung Hyun Cho, L.Ac.	Richard W. Ruth, L.Ac.

#### February 2008

Cheryl Sheriff, L.Ac.	Qing Zhu Zhang, L.Ac.
Angelica L. Gomez, L.Ac.	

#### March 2008

Darren K. Brooks, L.Ac.	Noura L. Eleid, L.Ac.
Heather A. Horne, L.Ac.	

#### **April 2008**

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Kimberly A. Kleiman, L.Ac.	Lecia M. Novack, L.Ac.	
Scott R. Smith, L.Ac.	Victor L. Fomo, L.Ac.	
Jamie M. Koonce, L.Ac.	Michael J. DeVoney, L.Ac.	
Zhen Liu, L.Ac.	,	
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Jose A. Montoya, L.Ac.	Joseph P. Dudley, L.Ac.	
Naomi R. Richman, L.Ac.		
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Kerry A. Denslow, L.Ac.	e 2008	
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Chao Cho Chen, L.Ac.	Pei Jung Kuo, L.Ac.	
Avi P. Fine, L.Ac.	Mark C. Woods, L.Ac.	
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Sylvia O. Stanton		
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June 2008		
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#### **Board Actions**

At the January Board meeting, the fee for the sale of lists (for commercial purposes) was increased to \$50.

The Board will be conducting an audit of compliance with the continuing education requirement beginning with the July 2008 license renewals. This year long audit will select a random survey (15%) of licensed acupuncturists.

#### **Approval of Acupuncture Program**

The Board approved the Acupuncture Program of the Acupuncture Center of Naples/Florida Health Academy (now closed) and the Washington College Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine at the January 23, 2008 meeting.

The Board approved the Acupuncture Program of the Academy of Classical Oriental Sciences located in Nelson BC, Canada. at the July 23, 2008 meeting.

#### **Complaints**

The Board heard Complaint #2008-01. This complaint has been filed against Clark W. Kim form Parker, Arizona for practicing acupuncture without a valid Arizona Acupuncture license. The

Board will be forwarding this matter to the La Paz County Attorney's office for review and action.

Complaint #2008-02 was heard by the Board. The complaint was filed by an individual against the Asian Institute of Medical Studies in Tucson. The Board closed this complaint due to lack of jurisdiction at the July 23, 2008 meeting.

## **Approved Continuing Education Course Information**

Course Name: "The Five Elements: A Journey into Psyche

and Soma" for 13 CEU's **Instructor:** Anastacia White

Dates: September 20-21 and November 8-9, 2008

**Contact Information:** 

Anastacia White, (510) 420-0904

Course Name: Love, Serve and Succeed—Life and Business
Success for AOM Professionals Part I/Whole Food Nutrition
in the Chinese Medicine Clinic & Love, Serve and Succeed—
Life and Business Success for AOM Professionals Part
II/Integrating Key Western Botanicals into AOM Practice

**Instructor:** Michael Gaeta 1 **Date:** April 12-13, 2008 & September 27-28, 2008

**Contact Information:** 

Joseph Garner, L.Ac. (602) 274-1885

Note: The CEU's listed above are <u>only</u> those approved by the Board. Additional CEU offerings are provided by schools of acupuncture, private providers, and national organizations.

#### **Board Rules**

The Board completed its review of its rules and the new rules were approved by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) on February 5, 2008 and will be effective in 60 days. The Board web site has a link to the new rules. **The Board is encouraging all licensees to review the new rules.** 

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#### **New Laws**

A new state law requires that a person applying for a license or renewing a license must submit documentation to the licensing board that satisfactorily demonstrates that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States.

#### **Web Page Updates**

The Board's website now includes the ability to download documents associated with practitioner disciplinary actions.

#### **Proposed Legislation**

HB 2019—board continuation bill—was signed by the Governor on April 11, 2008. This bill continues the existence of the Board until July 1, 2018.

HB 2620—budget adjustment; fiscal year 2007-2008—was signed by the Governor on April 18, 2008. This legislation enacts the fund sweeps of state agencies, boards, and commissions. The legislation sweeps \$100,000 from the Board's fund in the current fiscal year.

HB 2209—budget adjustment; fiscal year 2008-2009 was signed by the Governor on June 27, 2008. The legislation sweeps the funds of state agencies, boards, and commissions. This bill sweeps \$88,300 from the Board's fund to the state general fund.

A proposal to consolidate health profession licensing boards has been presented by the Governor. It is unclear on how this consolidation would be structured. The Board office is monitoring this effort.

#### **License Statistics**

Current Number of Active Licenses: 466
Current Number of Active Auricular Certificates: 62

License Applications in 2008 (7/23/08): 31 License Applications in 2007: 55 License Applications in 2006: 55

Certificate Applications in 2008 (7/23/08): 7 Certificate Applications in 2007: 23 Certificate Applications in 2006: 24

Number of Licenses issued in 2008: 28 Number of Certificates issued in 2008: 8

Number of Licenses issued in 2007: 55 Number of Certificates issued in 2007: 23

Number of Licenses issued in 2006: 57 Number of Certificates issued in 2006: 22